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SUBJ: EXPORT OPPORTUNITY: DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS- LIVE
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1. DESPITE NON- RECEIPT OF INFORMATION REQUESTED PARA 2
REFTEL, CONSULATE GENERAL HAS RECEIVED REPLY FROM BREMEN
AUTHORITIES TO ITS WRITTEN REQUEST OF FEBRUARY 7.
2. REPLY OF BREMEN AUTHORITIES IS UNDERSTANDABLY NOT FULLY
RESPONSIVE TO QUESTIONS IN THEMSELVES IMPRECISE WITHOUT
REQUESTED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.
3. ESSENCE OF REPLY ARE SOMEWHAT SUBJECTIVE STATEMENTS TO
EFFECT THAT MARKET POSSIBILITIES FOR FROZEN OYSTERS ARE ASSUMED
TO BE RESTRICTED SINCE WHEN THAWED THEY ARE NOT AS ENJOYABLE
AS FRESH OYSTERS, THAT TO FRESHEN THAWED OYSTERS WITH SEAWATER
WOULD CERTAINLY CONCEAL THE LOSS OF QUALITY DUE TO FREEZING
AND THAT THE USE OF SEAWATER FOR FRESHENING SEEMS TO RAISE
PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THE POLLUTED LOCAL WATERS AND THE FACT
THAT UNPOLLUTED SEAWATER TAKEN FROM THE HIGH SEAS DOES NOT
KEEP ITS FRESHNESS VERY LONG. ON GROUNDS OF HYGIENE THE AUTHORITIES
IMPLY THAT FRESHENING WITH SALTED DRINKING WATER MIGHT BE
PREFERABLE.

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4. THE REPLY OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES CONCLUDED WITH THE STATEMENT THAT THE SALE OF THAWED FROZEN OYSTERS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE UNDER ADEQUATE LABELING TO DIFFERENTIATE THEM AS " THAWED OYSTERS" RATHER THAN FRESH OYSTERS, ACCORDING TO PARA 4 OF THE GERMAN FOOD LAW.

4. IF IT IS DESIRED THAT WE PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER, PLEASE REPLY TO PARA 2 OF REFTTEL. SULLIVAN

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